

### Background on Cohort/Graduation Rate:

Every school year after Pupil Enrollment (a count taken on October 1) is finalized, the Department utilizes the 9<sup>th</sup> grade roster for every school in the State and creates the cohort with an expected graduation year three school years after the current one. For the 2016 graduating cohort, the Department first created the cohort based on the Pupil Enrollment on October 1, 2012 (the 2012-2013 school year). Schools weekly submit either Realtime (RT), in the case of public schools, or Enrollment Mobility (EM), in the case of non-public schools. These submissions contain a list of all students enrolled in the school. If a student exits the school, the school notes that on the RT or EM report with the reason and date of the exit. These data are used by the cohort process to track students when they change schools. Exit reasons are grouped into two main categories, Dropouts and Mobility. Generally speaking, students reported with a Mobility exit code will be removed from the cohort (E.g., they moved out of State), and as such are no longer included in the school's graduation rate. It is important to note that not all the mobility codes recognized by the State are also recognized by the Federal calculation (E.g., "Missing"). Therefore, the State and the Federal graduation rates are slightly different, with the Federal rate always being lower since that calculation requires more students to stay in the cohort. Lastly, it is important to note that although a student may not have graduated with her class, she may still be working toward a diploma. Therefore, the sum of the dropout rate and the graduation rate will not equal 100%.

### Background on the overall Process:

Students had until September 30, 2016 to meet the requirements for graduation and be counted as a four-year graduate. Schools had until October 28, 2016 to report students as graduates. Cohort is run nightly and schools can see their graduation cohort reports in Learning Connection. In early November the Department began its statutorily required audit process as well as the voluntary audit for schools that identified data errors with their graduation rate. All schools, including those schools required to participate in the audit, were notified of the audit submission window. The online portal was open between November 7 and November 23, 2016 for schools to submit their documentation. All audits have been completed and the schools were notified of the results of the audit in December.

<b>2016 State Graduation Rate:</b>	<b>89.07%</b>
Public Schools	88.80%
Nonpublic Schools	93.43%
<b>2016 Federal Graduation Rate:</b>	<b>87.11%</b>
<b>2016 State Non-Waiver Graduation Rate:</b>	<b>82.36%</b>
<b>2016 State Waiver Graduation Rate:</b>	<b>6.71%</b>
<i># students earning waiver diploma / # students in Indiana Cohort</i>	
<b>2016 State Dropout Rate:</b>	<b>4.04%</b>

Comparison of 2015 & 2016 Rates

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>State Graduation Rate</b>	89.07%	88.89%
<b>Federal Graduation Rate</b>	87.11%	87.21%
<b>Non-Waiver State Graduation Rate</b>	82.36%	82.83%
<b>State Waiver Graduation Rate</b>	6.71%	6.06%
<b>State Dropout Rate</b>	4.04%	4.58%

Schools with a 100% State Graduation Rate\*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b># SCHOOLS</b>	<b>% SCHOOLS</b>
2013	6	1.27%
2014	10	2.07%
2015	13	2.67%
2016	19	3.82%

\*This table only includes schools with a cohort of at least 50 students

High Schools with a Graduation Rate of 67% or Less\*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b># SCHOOLS</b>	<b>% SCHOOLS</b>
2014	36	9.05%
2015	43	10.59%
2016	39	9.68%

\*This table only includes public high schools

School Graduation Rate Movement from 2015 to 2016

<b>MOVEMENT</b>	<b># SCHOOLS</b>
<b>&lt; 5 percentage points</b>	44
<b>&gt; 5 percentage points</b>	83
<b>Within +/- 5 percentage points</b>	333